AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by marked up replacement paragraph(s) as follows.

[22]   When the electronic mail message is received by one or more of the antivirus scanning servers 140, the electronic mail message is scanned for malicious code (step 209).   In one implementation, antivirus scanning software on the one or more of the antivirus scanning servers 140 employs a catalog of viral signatures, which are often simple strings of bytes that are expected to be found in every instance of a particular virus. Usually, different viruses have different signatures, and the antivirus scanning software use signatures to locate specific viruses. To improve coverage, antivirus scanning software from multiple vendors may be employed, and the scanning may be performed on respective antivirus scanning servers 140 for improved performance as described in the co-pending, commonly assigned patent application serial no. ――――― 09/862,851 entitled "System and Method for Malicious Code Detection" filed on ――――― May 22, 2001 by Hoefelmeyer and Phillips (attorney docket no. 09710-1010, client docket no. COS-00-017), the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.